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German Troops Now Within Forty Miles of Port of Riga

LAST OF RUSSIAN STRONGHOLDS IS CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Conquers Grodno After Forcing the Niemen and Fighting Enemy in Streets of City-Russian Attempt to Oppose Advance Fails After Suffering Extraordinary Losses-Three Thousand Men Captured With Cannon and Machine Guns.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK BY A MINE

Sofia Despatch Reports Loss of Ship and Over Eighteen Hundred Men at Entrance to Dardanelles-Full Pursuit of Muscovites and Austro-Hungarians Are Advancing East and South-Vigorous Fighting Continues in France.

Berlin, Sept. 3, via London, 3 p. m.—The German troops which are advancing on the important Russian port of Riga of on the Baltic have made a further consequential gain. Official announcement was made here today that they captured a position northwest of Friedrichstadt, which is about forty miles

Marshal von Hindenburg has captured Grodno, the last of the Russian fortresses to hold out.

Announcement to this effect was made at army headquarters today as

"Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army conquered Grodno after rapidly forcing a passage of the Niemen and fighting the Russians in the streets The Germans crossed of the city. the Niemen between the Augustowo canal and the Swislocz-Lennewarden German cavalry advanced to the northwest and west of Vilna. The Russians attempted to oppose our ad-Southeast of General von Gallwitz's troops they will prove successful. broke the resistance of the enemy or Marshal von Hindenburg's army captured more than 3000 Russians, as well as one cannon and 18 machine

'The army of Prince Leopold of Baaria is still engaged in battle north of Pruszany.

Von Mackensen Pursuing.

The army of Field Marshal von pursuing the Russians, Mackensen, reached the Jasiolda river near Silnek and Bereza and also in the district of Antopol, east of Kobrin. Austo the east and south of Boloto and Dubowoje.

General Bothmer Advancing. "Southeastern theatre of war: General Bothmer's army is advancing and

is fighting in the Sereth district. "Western theatre of war: Near Sou chez attacks delivered by the French with hand grenades were repulsed. In Flanders and the Champagne mines were exploded successfully."

Grodno is Captured. Grodno, last of the Russian strong-

holds in Poland, has been captured by

The fall of the outer forts of Grod no was reported yesterday. A pas-sage of the Niemen was forced by Marshal von Hindenburg's troops and the Germans fought the Russians back through the streets of the city, the official announcement

from Berlin says. A dispatch from Sofia through Berlin reports the sinking of a British transport which struck a mine at the entrance of the Dardanelles with the loss of more than 1800 men.

Review of War Situation.

Loudon, Sept. 3, 11:50 a. m .- The evacuation of Grodno is under way. Petrograd admits officially that Rusosses by the Russians of the last of recovered. their strong fortresses has been expected and the report that its evacua-

ous counter attacks and the extreme north the Germans transport by the British.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—By wireless to are making little progress. The Rus-Tuckerton, N. J.—The army of Field stans claim another local success near

Great Artillery Duel Continues. The great artillery duel continues along a large part of the western front held by the French. The ul-

timate purpose of this activity is still bscure. The British press is not greatly pleased at the reception by the Unit-ed States of Germany's promise to modify her submarine campaign. complains that a promise which does not include protection for merchant

Negotiations between Turkey and Bulgaria concerning railroad conces vance but failed, suffering extraordi- sions to the latter are again under Merecz the Russians were thrown favorable to the entente allies that

men is inadequate.

Berlin, Sept. 3, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J .- "The Cologne Gazette publishes statistics showing that the losses to British shipping during the war at the minimum amount to 4 1-2 per cent of the whole tonnage," says Bullard, commanding in the Brownsthe Overseas News Agency. "Of vesels above 100 tons, an average of one in twenty of the British merchant fleet has been lost.

Paris, Sept. 3, 11:20 a, m -It was earned today that the decision of tro-Hungarian troops are advancing the French government to hold American mail for two days before forwarding it was due to the discovery that Germany was communicating with persons in the United States through ntermediaries in France. this fact was established the war office determined to delay American letters as well as English and continental mails.

> Sept. 3, by wireless to Emperor William has Tuckerton.—Emperor conferred upon Field Marshal Von Mackensen the Order of the Black Eagle, the highest decoration within raiders had spared the one American the emperor's gift, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

Paris, Sept. 3, 2:35 p. m.-The French war office this afternoon gave cut a statement on the progress of hostilities which reads as follows: "In the course of last night, our artillery displayed the same activity as has been the case recently, with notable incident."

Berlin, Sept 3, by wireless to Say before being finally killed. ville.—"Telegrams from Sofia," says the Overseas News Agency today, infantry and cavalry would remain call by a coterie of Chinese merchants state that off the entrance to the in the field until the bandits are in this city and the Orient to finance Dardanelles British transport struck a mine and sank with 320 of-ficers, 1250 soldiers and 300 members sian forces are being withdrawn from of the crew, all of whom were former home in Montgomery, Mo., for eration, it was announced here today the right bank of the Niemen The drowned. Six hundred bodies were burial.

The British government officially tion is imminent caused no surprise announced on August 17 that the Brit-It has been evident for some ish transport Royal Edward had been Laredo, are under arms, owing to re- is quietly engaged in securing options time that Grand Duke Nicholas had sunk, on Saturday, August 11 in the ports that a band of Mexicans are in on ships. Most of the work has been no intention of allowing a number of Aegean sea by a German submarine, that vicinity and have threatened to accomplished within the past week men sufficient to maintain a long de- The number of troops on board was fense to be penned up in any fortress given as 1350 with 220 officers and movement of strange Mexicans along jority of whom are members of the hich could be invested men of the crew, and it was stated country roads in Webb county was Chinese Six companies.

Along the Galician border General that about 600 were saved.

Ivanoff continues to retire but not In the absence of a date for the without inflicting heavy losses on the sinking of the transport reported Austro-German forces which have through Sofia, it is uncertain whether been shaken several times by vigor- this refers to the sinking of the Royal ling of 16,607,836 cubic yards of earth- trade-that is, they will have limited and \$4.75. In the center Edward or to the loss

tablished Before Mammoth Sum Is Obtained From American Bankers.

PLACING OF SECURITIES MANY SENSATIONS

Makeshift to Stabilize Rates Most Startling Variations of and Stem Downward Trend of Sterling Exchange.

New York, Sept. 3.—It was reported in Wall street today that Great Britain had obtained a preliminary back again in frantic and erratic fashcredit loan in New York City to tide ion today. All ballast was thrown over pressing obligations and stem overboard at the opening of the marthe downward trend of sterling extends the downward trend of sterling extends to the control of the contr change rates until a mammoth cred- of sterling shot swiftly upward for an it loan can be floated here.

refused to discuss the report. Big Preliminary Loan. In the gossip of the street, amount of this preliminary loan was estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$100. held only to a general sense of directions. 000,000 and was based on collateral tion-upward. American securities brought here

which arrived yesterday. exchange rates, sterling having fairly stationary, opened at quotations from 7 1-2 to 12 Startling Vari 1-2 cents above yesterday's closing. The establishment of a preliminary loan of this character, intended as a startling variations of valuations had makeshift to stabilize rates tempo- ever been recorded before, as that of rarily, was believed generally to have today. The confusion of the first fluctuations toward higher values.

It is not expected in quarters Bandits Kill Two White Prisoners-American Soldiers in Skirmish With Raiding Party.

> partment today received the following report sent last night by Colonel terday. ville district, of the fight with Mex ican bandits yesterday after a bridge

east of San Benito, had been burned "Detachments Third cavalry Twelfth Cavalry and Twenty-sixth Infantry, drove into brush Mexican ban dits who burned bridge last night a a point about seven miles east of San Benito and are making all arrange ments to take up pursuit tomorrow morning. Lieutenant Faulkner, Twenty-sixth infantry, with half company (had running fight with enemy this afternoon killing one, wounding one and re-capturing one American pris No casualties among soldiers When skirmish began, bandits immediately killed two white prisoners,

Donaldson and Smith." In transmitting the report Major General Funston said he had private advices from Brownsville that Faulkner's men because he was re- Companies. ported to be a German citizen. The raiding party, General Funston added, numbered about 30

Retribution Meted Out. Quick retribution apparently is be ing meted out to the band which, have been working quietly but rapelly toward putting the big project of Brownsville and murdered two into actual operation.

had been signed, those interested more than 100 men indicted along with Thomas Taggart and Mayor Joseph E. Bell, charged with conspiring general grand royal arch master section. early yesterday burned a trestle north Americans, Earl Donaldson and J. S. The Americans were tortured

captured or killed.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 3 -Americans tee appointed to do the preliminary at Encinal, Tex., forty miles north of work in organizing the new company attack the town.

Levee work in Louisiana from April

Preliminary Credit to Be Es- Foreign Exchange Soars From Low to High and Back Again.

Valuations Ever Recorded on the Market.

All ballast was thrown loan can be floated here.

International banking houses here night's quotations. Within an honr they had settled, with many falls and rebounds, to within two cents of yes the terday's close.

In their spectacular flights values

Opening quotations on sterling were in two recent shipments of gold and all the way from \$4.70 to \$4.75, the securities from Halifax to England's latter figure being quoted in only one account and further shipments of securities said to have reached here on there were several transactions. The the steamers Adriatic and St. Paul next quotation to appear on the tickthich arrived yesterday.

The opportunity was circulated in utes of 4 cents. The market finally the face of a violent upward trend of reacted to \$4.65 and there seemed

Startling Variations Recorded. In a market where sensations have succeeded one another daily, no such taneously that they had long over- missions. stayed their positions and were rush-

6.46, a loss of one cent from yes-

Orientals in San Francisco to Compete With Japanese Steamships on Pacific.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.-Announcement that all of the \$5,000,000 has been subscribed and half a million already set aside subject to instant call toward the financing of the pro the Pacific Steamship company was made rican here today on authority of John L. prisoner re-captured by Lieutenant McNab, attorney for the Chinese Six

Since the arrival here Monday of Dr. Wellington Koo, China's first minister to Mexico, who announced that contracts for the financing of the line had been signed, those interested here into actual operation.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.-Five million dollars has been subscribed and At Fort Brown it was stated today half a million set aside for instant here today. aptured or killed.

The body of Earl Donaldson has San Francisco and China in rivalry been prepared for shipment to his to the Japanese lines already in op Smith will be buried at San on authority of John L. McNab, of this city, attorney for the Chinese.

Mr. McNab states that a commit A considerable by the Chinese merchants, the

After Oriental Trade. The Chinese, McNab says, expect to begin with vessels adapted to the 1912, to April, 1914, involved the hand- peculiar conditions of their Oriental work, at an estimated cost of \$3,809, cabin facilities and great steerage

ITALIAN GENERAL



Count Porra is in command of the Fifth military division of the Italian

One Thousand Killed by Turks and Kurds-Many Succumb to Disease.

Families in Urumiah, Persia, Robbed of All Their Possessions, According to Presbyterian Report.

New York, Sept. 3 .- At least one thousand Christians were killed and been the cause for the unprecedented hour pointed clearly, in the opinion about four thousand others died of of local bankers, to one thing: that disease in Urumiah, Persia, during the values, upward bound, were groping five months of Turkish occupation. blindly for a stable position. Analysis according to a letter received by J. L. of financial matters attributed the Caldwell, American minister at Tehequest for higher levels chiefly to the ran, from Dr. William A. Shedd of theory that both here and in London Urumiah, and made public here today the speculators had realized simul- by the Presbyterian board of foreign Dr. Shedd stated that his figures

ing to cover. were based on careful investigation. The rising value of the pound sterl- and record, there having been 3600 were based on careful investigation ng was reflected in the stock mar- Christian burials alone in the city of ket by fewer foreign sales of Amer-ican securities.

Urumiah and the American college compound. He said that before the compound. He said that before the Shortly before noon sterling was quoted at \$4.64. The market was then easy. Francs were quoted at \$91, a cain of four cents overright: release. Within a few days after. gain of four cents overnight; reichs- ing villages. Within a few days after marks at 80 718, as against last January 2 between 8000 and 9000 left night's close of 80 3-4, and lires at the country.

Of the 6500 Christian families in the district Dr. Shedd said that all but 1000 were robbed of all their possessions, and nearly all suffered some He said the total loss of Christians had been estimated at \$2,500,-000 and added that the Presbyterian mission sustained a loss of \$10,000 during one attack. Considerably more than a hundred Christian girls turned Moslems during the Turkish occupation, the writer said, in hope of escaping violence.

One of Men Indicted in Indianapolis for Committing Election Felonies Released by Judge.

Roeder, saloonkeeper and one of the to commit felonies in the primary and election of 1914, pleaded guilty before Special Judge W. H. Elchhorn Henry De Witt Hamilton, New York

out being sentenced. Roeder is the eighth man to plead guilty to the conspiracy charge. The trial of Mayor Bell, the first of the indicted men to be tried, is set son, Ky.

to begin next Monday.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

set market. sterling recorded overnight gains cept under license ranging 7 1-2 to 12 1-2c. First fig will be issued to ju ures on sterling varied between \$4.70

Similar rises were reported to have occurred in London.

WILSON DEFENSE UNITED STATES PLAN APPROVED

Society Pledges Support to Original Tender of Good Of-President in Effort to Raise U. S. to War Footing.

FACTORIES QUESTIONED

Far Reaching Investigation Regarding War Munitions and Available Transportation Lines.

Washington, Sept. 3.-President Wilson today received a telegram rom the American Defense society bring about peace in Europe until it commending and pledging support to has received information that its good his defense plans.

Inquiries have been addressed by the navy department to manufacturers it was announced today, as to the available output of materials needed by the navy in time of war. The official statement says it is a purely outine step.

The inquiry is directed mainly to ascertaining the available supply of structural material for ship building and for ships' stores. Listing available merchant vessels for colliers and supply ships also has been undertaken. The statement says the informa-tion is required in the development of campaign plans under consideration at the war college and which it is expected will take months and even years to fully mature. Replies to the nquiries wil lbe held confidential.

The scope of the investigation is broad, reaching from war munitions to available transportation lines at a friend to all belligerents, it was said

Royal Arch Masons of United States Elect and Install Officers in San Francisco.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Next Convocation to Be Held in Washington, D. C .-War Relief Fund Voted.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—The delehere this week, were to be entertained been given. today, with their families, by the local Masons, who had provided an excursion on San Francisco bay as part

of the day's program. The organization concluded business sessions yesterday with the election of officers and the selection of Washington, D. C. for the next triennial convocation. The work of the Masonic War Relief association was endorsed and a contribution of \$5000 cash voted to the relief of distress in the European war zone. Memorial to Washington.

Approval was also given the pro-posed plan of Washington Alexandria Lodge of Masons to erect a half million dollar memorial building at Alexandria, Va., to be dedicated to "George Washington, the Mason and

Officers Are Elected officers elected and installed

General grand high priest, George E. Corson, Washington, D. C.; deputy

general grand high priest, Frederick W. Craig, Des Moines, Ia.; general grand king, William Kuhn, Kansas City, Mo.; general grand scribe, Bes-ter G. Brown, Kansas City, Mo.; general grand treasurer, Thomas G. Shy Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 3.—Ernest rock, Baltimore, Md.; general grand secretary, Charles N. Rix. Hot Springs ond captain, Henry Banks, La Grange City; general grand master second Roeder, whose wife is ill, was re- veil, Charles C. Davis, Centralia, Ills. eased on his own recognizance with general grand master first veil, Leon T. Leach, Indianapolis, Ind.; general grand trustees, William P. Fillmer, San Francisco; Arthur G. Pollard. Boston, and Bernard G. Witt, Hender-

EXPORTATION OF Calcutta, India, Sept. 3, via London.

New York, Sept. 3.-Foreign ex- 12:55 p. m.-Exportation of Hessian change values soared today in an up- cloth and bags, except to Great Brit-Opening quotations on ain will be prohibited henceforth exwill be issued to jute dealers for ordinary commercial purposes after the government has been fully supplied. The prohibition does not apply sacking and sacking goods.

fices Still Stands-President Ready When Opportune Time Comes.

NO WORD FROM ALLIES

America Will Not Endanger Friendship of All European Belligerents.

Washington, Sept. 3.-The United States will make no further efforts to offices will be welcomed by both sides in the conflict. This was stated authoritatively here today in official discussions of the message from Benedict, delivered to President Wilson yesterday by Cardinal Gibbons.

From the fact that the vatican is in close touch with Austria, the construction placed by officials on the pope's message is that the Germanic powers would be willing to discuss peace at this time. It was stated by those in closest touch with the administration that similar word will have to be received from Great Britain and her allies before the president will

make any further move. President Wilson has made it clear several times that his original offer of services to bring about peace still stands and that he will do everything possible to further the movement. The United States, however, will do nothing likely to endanger its position as authoritatively.

The pope's message will not be made public by this government, although there would be no objection if Cardinal Gibbons gives it out. Enough of the contents of the message is known, however, to give basis for indicating that Austria, Germany and Turkey are not adverse to discussing

who was imprisoned here on August 10 by order of General Carranza, charged with distributing news in the United States unfavorable to the Carranza party, is to be released tonight,

The state department at Washingon has twice made demands for the release of Francis. The most recent representations on August 27 were said to have been of a vigorous character.

Francis is a British subject, but was in Mexico under employment by an American concern

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